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In re Patent Application

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Group: 1635

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Examiner: Kimberly Chong

For: **INHIBITION OF EXPRESSION OF A TARGET GENE**

**REPLY & AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be made of record in the above-identified application. Submitted herewith is a Petition For Extension of Time accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.